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Applicant: Patrick NOLAN
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: